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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1108**
Kunimasa KUSUMOTO et al. : Docket No. 2001_1831A
Serial No. 10/009,798 : Group Art Unit 2652
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, having a two (2) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire September 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: